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REASON(S)

LIKELIHOOD OF IRAQI ATTACK ON SAUDI ARABIAEXAMPLE ☒

-- Saudi-Iraqi relations have fluctuated over the last several decades, influenced in great part by external events such as the Iran-Iraq War. At the current time, relations between Iraq and Saudi Arabia are correct.

While Saudi Arabia has adopted a policy of non-belligerency in the Iraq-Iran War, in a general sense it is supportive of Iraq and is supporting Iraq in the context of the regional tensions flowing from the Iranian revolution.

-- Nevertheless, the ideological differences between the Saudi Monarchy and the Iraqi Baathists are clear and persisting. Saudi Arabia, like any other state, must prepare for uncertainty and strive to acquire the military means to defend itself from potential long-term threats. The fact that the regional political equation has shifted so rapidly in two years underscores the need for planning to confront new possible adversaries.

-- No one can predict the outcome of the Iran-Iraq War but it has great potential for increasing tensions and the general level of threat in the area. The frustrations and bitterness that the war is producing could work to the disadvantage of Saudi Arabia.